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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UGANDA: ELLERKMANN REPORT

REF: (A) BONN 3637; (B) BONN 3638

TRANSMITTED HERewith IS TEXT OF ELLERKMANN'S MESSAGE
NUMBER 88, THE SUBSTANCE OF WHICH WAS REPORTED REF-
TELS.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. RADIO KAMPALA ANNOUNCED MIDNIGHT AND REPEATED THIS
MORNING (1.3.) 7 A.M., THAT AMIN'S MEETING WITH
AMERICANS IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND THAT
AMERICANS WERE FREE TO GO EVERYWHERE, ALSO OUTSIDE
THE COUNTRY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT READS: "A GOVERNMENT
SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HIS EXCELLENCY'S
SCHEDULED MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONALS IN
UGANDA ON WEDNESDAY THE SECOND OF MARCH NINETEEN
SEVENTY-SEVEN HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED. ANOTHER DATE
WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER."

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THE SPOKESMAN QUOTING HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIFE
PRESIDENT FIELD MARSHALL DOCTOR IDI AMIN DADA VC, DSO,
MC, AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UGANDA ARMED FORCES
SAID THAT ALL AMERICAN NATIONALS SHOULD FEEL FREE TO GO
ABOUT THEIR PREVIOUS PLANS SUCH AS GOING FOR THEIR
NORMAL LEAVE OR CARRYING OUT THEIR OTHER BUSINESSES

IN OR OUTSIDE UGANDA.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS SHOULD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AT EIGHT A.M. ON WEDNESDAY THE SECOND OF MARCH NINETEEN SEVENTY-SEVEN BRINGING WITH THEM THE MEMORANDA WHICH THE AMERICAN NATIONALS SUBMITTED TO THEM AS REQUESTED EARLIER.

2. VOICE OF GERMANY (DEUTSCHE WELLE), VOICE OF AMERICA AND POSSIBLY BBC WHICH ALL ARE RECEIVED HERE ARE SENDING NEWS SINCE LAST NIGHT THAT I DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT AMIN EVEN GIVING CONTENTS OF MESSAGE. THIS NEWS IS FALSE. I HAVE NOT (NOT) SEEN AMIN AND NOT (NOT) DELIVERED MESSAGE TO AMIN, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT YET. I ALSO HAVE NEVER MADE THE REPORT THAT I SAW AMIN OR DELIVERED THE MESSAGE. I HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR LAST NIGHT 2:30 A.M. BY PHONE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BONN AND REQUESTED THAT THIS BE RELAYED TO STATE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

I AM SURPRISED AND ALSO EMBARRASSED THAT NEVERTHELESS THE FALSE NEWS IS REPEATED IN RADIO NEWS THIS MORNING. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THIS MIGHT BRING ME INTO DIFFICULTIES HERE. I ALSO DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW

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CONTENTS OF MESSAGES WHICH WERE CLASSIFIED "SECRET" ARE GIVEN TO MEDIA.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I AM NOT SURE IF A DEMENTI SHOULD NOT FOLLOW, BECAUSE AMIN, IF HE WAS TOLD THAT I WANTED TO SEE HIM, OBVIOUSLY DID NOT WANT TO SEE ME AND INSTEAD PREFERRED THE MESSAGES FROM MOBUTU, KING CHALID AND NIMEIRY. IN CASE I WAS GIVEN AN APPOINTMENT NOW, THE OLD MESSAGE DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE ANYMORE. THEREFORE, I WILL NOT PURSUE APPOINTMENT FROM MY PART, UNLESS I AM GIVEN NEW MESSAGE ALONG THE LINES AS INDICATED IN CABLE NO. 87 DATED 28.02.77, PARAGRAPH 6 LAST SENTENCE. (BONN 3635). ELLERKMANN

END TEXT.
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